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Personnel Procedures

AERONAUTICAL RATINGS, EMERGENCY SERVICES PATCH AND BADGES, AND GROUND TEAM BADGES

This regulation defines the requirements and outlines procedures for the award of CAP Aeronautical, Emergency Services, and Ground Team Badges.

1. Aeronautical Ratings and Requirements.

Requirements for CAP-member aeronautical ratings are:

a. CAP Cadet Pre-solo Rating:

(1) Be an active CAP member at least 16 years of age (for balloon or glider be age 14 or older).

(2) Have received the required instruction from a CAP flight instructor (CFI/CFIG), at a wing level or higher flight encampment/academy and have a written record documenting instruction of all items of Federal Air Regulation (FAR) 61.87, in the appropriate aircraft.

(3) Complete a pre-solo qualification flight as described in CAPR 60-1, *CAP Flight Management*.

b. CAP Solo Pilot Rating:

(1) Be age 16 or older. For balloon or glider be age 14 or older.

(2) Hold a valid medical certificate as required in the FARs.

(3) Hold a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) student pilot certificate.

(4) Have received the required instruction from an FAA Authorized Flight Instructor.

(5) Have soloed in accordance with the FARs.

c. CAP Pilot Rating:

(1) Hold at least a FAA private pilot certificate.

(2) Hold a valid medical certificate as required in FARs.

(3) Be qualified in accordance with CAPR 60-

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d. CAP Senior Pilot Rating:

(1) Meet CAP pilot rating requirements.

(2) Have been an active CAP-rated pilot for at least 3 years (this service need not be continuous).

(3) Have a minimum of 1,000 hours pilot time logged in accordance with FARs.

e. CAP Command Pilot Rating:

(1) Meet CAP senior pilot requirements.

(2) Have been an active CAP pilot or senior pilot for at least 5 years (this service need not be continuous).

(3) Have a minimum of 2,000 hours pilot time logged in accordance with FARs.

f. CAP Glider Pilot Rating. Hold at least a FAA glider private pilot certificate.

g. CAP Balloon Pilot Rating. Hold at least a FAA balloon private pilot certificate.

h. CAP Observer Rating. Be qualified as a CAP observer in accordance with CAP 50-series regulations.

i. CAP Senior Observer Rating:

(1) Meet CAP observer requirements.

(2) Have been an active flying CAP observer for 3 years (this service need not be continuous).

(3) Have a minimum of 100 hours certified flying time as CAP observer.

NOTE: Observer flight time and sorties should be logged in the same manner as pilots are required in the FARs (use of a pilot logbook is encouraged).

j. CAP Master Observer Rating:

(1) Meet requirements for CAP senior observer.

(2) Have been an active CAP observer for 5 years (this service need not be continuous).

(3) Have a minimum of 200 hours flying time as a CAP observer (see Note above).

(4) Have flown 20 sorties as a senior observer on SAR/DR missions.

k. Waiver of CAP Service. A request for waiver to substitute military-rated service for the senior and command pilot CAP service requirements must be submitted by wing commanders to the region commander and must include:

(1) Proof of the member's military aeronautical rating.

(2) Listing of FAA certificates and ratings held. A waiver may be requested anytime, and will be effective upon approval of the region commander.

2. Requirements for Award of Emergency Services (ES) Qualification Badges:

a. CAP Basic Emergency Services Qualification Badge: Complete all requirements of CAPP 213, *Emergency Services Officer-Specialty Track Study Guide*, Technician Rating.

b. CAP Senior Emergency Services Qualification Badge. Complete all requirements of CAPP 213, *Emergency Services Officer-Specialty Track Study Guide*, Senior Rating.

c. CAP Master Emergency Services Qualification Badge. Complete all requirements of CAPP 213, *Emergency Services Officer-Specialty Track Study Guide*, Master Rating.

3. Requirements for Award of the CAP Emergency Services Patch. Current and qualified in accordance with CAPR 50-15, *CAP Operational Missions* and CAPR 55-1, *CAP Emergency Services Mission Procedures* as a general emergency services member with one additional specialty qualification.

4. Requirements for Award of the Ground Team Badges:

a. Basic Ground Team Badge:

(1) Be qualified as a CAP ground team member in accordance with CAPR 50-15, or

(2) Graduation from the CAP National Ground Search And Rescue School Basic Course or equivalent program as determined by National Headquarters CAP/DO and certified by the school/activity director. Each wing and region is encouraged to host one or more ground team schools with the intent of their members becoming fully qualified members of a ground team.

b. Senior Ground Team Badge:

(1) Be qualified as a CAP ground team leader in accordance with CAPR 50-15, or

(2) Graduation from the CAP National Ground Search And Rescue School Advanced Course or equivalent program as determined by National Headquarters CAP/DO and certified by the school/activity director. Each wing and region is encouraged to host one or more ground team schools with the intent of their members becoming fully qualified leaders of a ground team.

c. Master Ground Team Badge. Be qualified as a CAP ground branch director (formerly known as ground operations director) in accordance with CAPR 50-15.

5. Procedures for Awarding Aeronautical Ratings, Emergency Services, and Ground Team Badges:

a. The applicant must submit a completed CAP Form 2a, *Request for and Approval of Personnel Actions*, to the unit commander requesting the award of an Aeronautical Rating, Emergency Services Qualification Badge, or Ground Team Badge. School/activity directors will publish certified graduate lists to avoid inundating command echelons with award requests.

b. The unit commander or school/activity director will check the applicant's logbook, CAP Form 45, *Senior Member Master Record* or CAP Form 66, *Cadet Master Record* and other required documentation as appropriate, to verify fulfillment of requirements before submitting the request to the wing or region commander for final approval or certifying school/activity graduation as appropriate.

c. CAP wing or region commanders and school/activity directors, as appropriate, are the approval authority for the award of aeronautical, ES qualification, and ground team badges to members within their organization.

d. When the wing or region commander approves, signs, and dates the CAP Form 2a, or school/activity director certifies completion, the appropriate entry is made in the applicant's record and in the wing pilot directory if applicable.

e. Ratings are effective the date the CAP Form 2a is signed by the wing or region commander or the date the school/activity director certifies graduation as appropriate.



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SUMMARY OF CHANGES:

Adds the CAP cadet pre-solo rating. Aligns emergency services badge qualifications with CAPP 213, eliminating duplicate regulatory change requirements. Aligns CAP ground team badge requirements with current emergency services specialty qualifications to allow for easier field recognition and tracking. Gives authority to approved school/activity directors to certify qualifications where applicable to avoid unnecessary award requests. Includes requirements for award of the emergency services patch.

NOTE: Bars in the margins identify updated information.